

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Below Average

**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 105.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent.

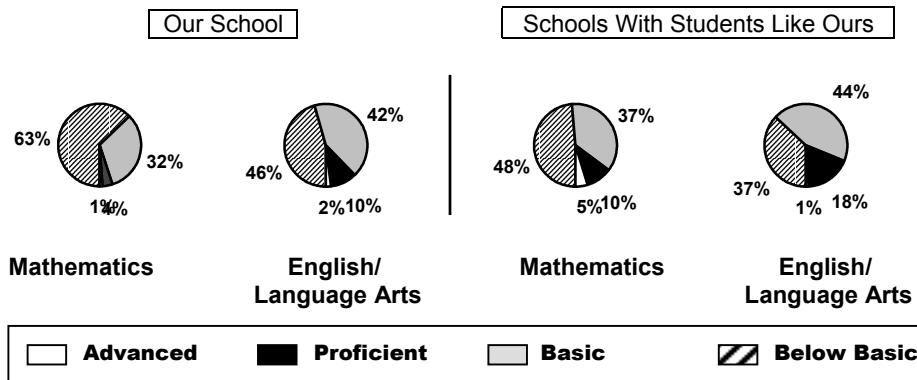
For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



## DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=99)</b>	54.5	37.4	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=5)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=84)	61.9	42.4		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=46)	52.2	30.9		
Female (n=42)	69	47.6		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=87)	59.8	37.5		
Hispanic (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Other (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=80)	56.3	32.6		
Pay for lunch (n=8)	N/A	N/A		

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$7,221	N/A	\$6,141	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	92.6%	Up from 92.5%	89.6%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.1 to 1	N/A	17 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=271)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	97.4%	Up from 97%	96.1%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	13.5%	N/A	7.6%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	13.3%	N/A	6.6%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	95.8%	Down from 100%	98.1%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	9.6%	Down from 13.7%	5.8%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=23)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.4 Days	Up from 7	7.3 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	96.4%	Down from 96.6%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	52.2%	Down from 54.2%	44.4%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	87%	Down from 87.5%	77.3%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	4.3%	Up from 0%	3.1%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	90.7%	Down from 90.9%	81.1%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,587	Up 2.4%	\$36,119	\$37,520

## SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	64.8%	N/A	63.8%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	1	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	87.6%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	64.2%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	7.4%	Down from 11.1%	2.1%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	26	N/A	2	1
• Gifted and talented	0.8%	Down from 2.5%	4.7%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	9.9%	Down from 12.6%	8.9%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Nix Elementary is a neighborhood school located on the outer-limits of the city of Orangeburg. The total student population is 311. The percentage of students that are eligible for free and reduced lunch status is 89.4 percent. Nix is identified as a Title One school. Approximately 46 percent of our students scored basic or above in english/Language Arts and 35 percent in mathematics on the PACT, 1999-2000.

All faculty, staff, students, parents, business partners and community members are dedicated to fulfilling the mission of the school. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that students develop the gifts of critical thinking and problem solving in order to increase student performance and lifelong learning. Several activities have taken place during the 2000-01 school year to exhibit these efforts. The activities are identified on three different levels; school activities, teacher training, and student accomplishments.

### School Activities

The implementation of an innovative writing across the curriculum process.  
A fully equipped computer laboratory for student use.  
The Academy of Reading software used to increase students reading levels.  
A shift in Accelerated Reader focus from points to percentages of accuracy.  
A "Beautify Nix Day" to enhance the appearance of the school.

### Teachers

Attended training in the use of Kit-Based Science.  
Presented at the Aiken County Instructional Fair.  
Attended training for SC Social Studies Standards implementation.  
Attended a series of writing workshops based on the SC Curriculum Standards.

### Student Accomplishments

Two students received plaques for Women's History Month writing contest.  
Seventy percent of all students participated in the school Science Fair.  
Third grade's participated in a school-to-work project with local Piggly Wiggly. The project incorporated the SC Achievement Standards in partnership with all academic areas.  
The entire school participated in making a Drug-Free Quilt based on SC Achievement Standards.

## EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	90.0	75.7	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	80.0	63.9	
Satisfied with home-school relations	47.4	91.4	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Nix Elementary  
770 Stilton Road  
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Grades K-4 Elementary School

Enrollment: 271 Students

### Principal

Dr. Casandra H. Jenkins 803-534-5982

### Superintendent

Mr. Melvin Smoak 803-534-5454

### Board Chair

Mr. Melvin Crum 803-536-6693

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001

School Grade:  
Below Average

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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